

Ivanov Penko Krassimir  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
 Ivanov Penko Krassimir

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc.  
 [BWFG]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 03/18/2019

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 EVP & Chief Financial Officer

C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC., 208 ELM STREET

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

(City) (State) (Zip)

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | 5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | 6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)<br>Code V Amount (D) Price                             |   |  |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 3,750   | D <u>(1)</u>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 5,174   | D <u>(2)</u>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 179   | I  | IRA                               |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 1,666   | D <u>(3)</u>   |                                   |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   | 2,500   | D <u>(3)</u>   |                                   |

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|              |            |   |       |   |      |       |                  |
|--------------|------------|---|-------|---|------|-------|------------------|
| Common Stock | 03/18/2019 | A | 1,000 | A | \$ 0 | 1,000 | D <sup>(4)</sup> |
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year) | 4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year) | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Owned Following Reporting Transaction (Instr. 5) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|--|---|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title                                      | Amount or Number of Shares  |

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

Ivanov Penko Krassimir  
C/O BANKWELL FINANCIAL GROUP, INC.  
208 ELM STREET  
NEW CANAAN, CT 06840

EVP & Chief Financial Officer

## Signatures

/s/ Penko Ivanov                      03/20/2019  
by POA

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person                      Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

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(1) 7,500 shares of restricted stock granted pursuant to the 2012 BNC Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan and will vest in four equal annual installments of 25%, with the first installment to vest on September 26, 2017 and an additional 25% to vest on each annual anniversary of the grant date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 3,750 Shares have vested.

(2) 590 Shares reported are held jointly with spouse.

(3) 5,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 2,500 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on February 7, 2019 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. As of the Transaction Date, 834 Shares have vested. 2,500 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

(4) 2,000 shares of Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. stock granted pursuant to the 2012 Bankwell Financial Group, Inc. Stock Plan. 1,000 of those shares are restricted stock that will vest in three substantially equal annual installments, with the first installment to vest on February 7, 2020 and the second and third installments to vest on each annual anniversary of the vesting date thereafter. 1,000 of those shares are performance restricted stock and may vest when and if the performance goal is achieved.

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